

BUSINESS BOOSTER

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City facilities available for business events

The City of Fairfield offers area businesses and residents unique options for holiday events and other social gatherings.

Phalen Center at South Trace

The Phalen Center overlooks the South Trace Golf Course with a spectacular view of the fairways and greens. Ample parking makes the location a perfect venue for groups of up to 140 people.

Discounts are available for Fairfield residents and nonprofit organizations. For information, call 858-7750.

Community Arts Center

The Community Arts Center's Community Room is a unique, central location with plenty of parking. Able to accommodate up to 240 guests, the Community Room overlooks Village Green Park and includes a full catering kitchen, as well as a variety of services for a worry-free event. Other amenities include the 250seat theater. For information, call 867-5348.

Elisha Moruan Farm Mansion

Located in Gilbert Farms Park, this historic location is a perfect venue for smaller groups up to 85. For information, call 867-5348.

Low interest loans available through Ohio

Business owners often cringe when they hear "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." There are, however, some government-backed programs that can provide affordable and convenient benefits to small businesses in Fairfield. Here is one such program.

The Ohio Treasurer of State has set aside more than \$600 million statewide for small business loans through the GrowNOW interest rate reduction program. When a



business is approved for a loan at an eligible bank, GrowNOW provides an additional three percent discount on the loan's already negotiated interest rate.

Here's how the program works: the Ohio Treasury places a CD in the bank where the small business loan is held and agrees to take a three percent reduced interest rate on the deposit. In return, the bank passes the three percent savings along to the small business owner in the form of a reduced interest loan.

The program can be used by businesses that are organized for profit, have less than 150 employees and are headquartered in Ohio. The maximum loan is \$400,000 and there is no application deadline. The borrower must demonstrate that the loan will be used to either create or retain jobs in Ohio. The loan may be used to purchase equipment or inventory, or to provide working capital.

For more information, visit: www.tos.ohio.gov/GrowNOW

headquarters building in

Ethical Business Award Luncheon to feature Jim Breech

The Fairfield Chamber of



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Commerce and Fairfield Rotary are presenting the 3rd Annual Ethical **Business** Award at a luncheon

event on November 13 at Receptions. Former Cincinnati Bengal and current businessman Jim Breech will be the keynote speaker. The Chamber and Rotary believe that businesses operating with high ethical practices should be recognized as examples for others in the business community to follow. Past

winners include Original Mattress Factory and DNA Diagnostics Center. For more information, contact the Fairfield Chamber at (513) 881-5500.

lwata Bolt begins operations

lwata Bolt USA, a manufacturer of fasteners and bolts for the

auto and consumer products industries, recently completed construction and moved into their new North American



project, a new public road named Iwata Drive was built and dedicated off of Union Centre Boulevard.



Fairfield's Cincinnati **Retread System** earns 2009 export award

Congratulations go to Fairfield-based Cincinnati Retread Systems for being named one of the winners of the 2009 Governor's Excellence in Exporting Awards.

This award recognizes Ohio companies that have shown superior performance in exporting. Cincinnati Retread Systems, located on Factory Drive, has manufactured tire retread equipment for more than 30 years.

Fairfield congratulates Cincinnati Retread Systems on its award!

BUSINESS BOOSTER Familiar faces moving to new places

Several longtime small businesses have relocated in recent weeks to new homes in Fairfield. Here's where you can find them now:

The Cupcake Factory sells a variety of pastries, gourmet



coffees, cakes and (as the name implies) cupcakes. Their

specialty is the cupcake sheet cake. They recently moved to the Cornerstone Plaza shopping center on Route 4 (4727 Dixie Highway, 829-0383).

Bountiful Blessings is a

Christian store that sells a variety of religious items. As the only



religious goods store in Fairfield, keep them in mind as the Christmas season approaches. They are now located on Route 4 (5403 Dixie Highway) across from Jungle Jim's. (Call them at 858-3311).

DeCaro's has been a long time favorite of pizza and hoagy



lovers in Fairfield. They've recently moved to a new location

at 1121 Magie Avenue just off of Route 4, but kept the same phone number (829-3003). Most importantly, they have the same delicious menu.

Two other small businesses had to relocate due to the demolition of the Fair Plaza shopping center on Patterson Drive. Both moved across the street to the Reigart Square shopping center

on Pleasant Avenue. The ladies at Dixie Chicks Barbershop

have a new joke: . "Why did the chicks cross



the road? To get to their new store!" They are now cutting hair at 5092 Pleasant Avenue (next to Subway). Call 939-0027 for an appointment or just stop in.

Goody's Laundromat has partnered with Dry Cleaning 'n More to offer a full-service

clothes cleaning operation under one roof. They are located next to



the Dixie Chicks at 5090 Pleasant Avenue (863-7132).

Fair Plaza: Going, going... Gone!

Well, almost gone! The west end of the Fair Plaza shopping center on Patterson Drive has been demolished as part of continuing efforts to develop Fairfield's town center. Thanks to a partnership with owner Neyer Properties, the area is being prepared for development of



Numbers to Know

Building/Zoning: 513/867-5318

Development

Services: 513/867-5345

Fire Prevention: 513/867-5379

Economic

Development: 513/867-5345

City Income Tax: 513/867-5327

Utilities/Billing: 513/867-5370

General Info: 513/867-5300